

LAMBERT BROS.

AUCTIONEERS, APPRAISERS
AND SURVEYORS.

Public Auctions—

BY ORDER OF THE VENDORS
Particulars and Conditions of Sale
of theVALUABLE LEASEHOLD
PROPERTYsituated at
F. L. HUNG
Kowloon, Colony of Hongkong
and known asKowloon Market Lot 12 with Godown
and Buildings thereon
IN ONE LOT
to be sold

PUBLIC AUCTION

on

WEDNESDAY,

the 26th day of February, 1922,

at 3 o'clock p.m.

at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,
Victoria, Hongkong.

by

Messrs. LAMBERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

THE PROPERTY CONSISTS OF:

All that piece or parcel of ground
situated at F. L. HUNG, Kowloon
known and registered in the Land
Office as K. M. 12, 42 together with
the messuage erections and buildings
thereon erected and known as 27
Cheung Kung Street. The Property is
held for the unexpired residue of the
term of 75 years from the 1st January,
1900 under a lease dated 2nd
September 1900. Annual Crown rent
\$140, payable by half yearly instal-
ments of the 20th December and
20th June boundaries.

North South East West
200' 20' 100' 30' 60'

Area 20210 square feet.

For further particulars apply to
Messrs. WILKINSON & GRIST,
Auctioneers Solicitors
or to
Messrs. LAMBERT BROS.,
The Auctioneers.

Hongkong, January 13, 1922.

MARTIN'S
APIOL-STEEL
PILLS

THE WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Quantity of water in reservoirs

on the 1st 10th 20th 1921 —

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS

LEVEL.

1920 1921

Tytan (No. 1) Reservoir 4 ft. 1 in. Below overflow

Tytan Reservoir 2 ft. 1 in. Below overflow

Tytan Intermediate 0 ft. 8 in. Above overflow

Tytan (No. 2) Reservoir 1 ft. 1 in. Below overflow

Wong Tai Reservoir 1 ft. 1 in. Below overflow

Fok Tsan Reservoir 1 ft. 1 in. Below overflow

Fok Tsan Intermediate 0 ft. 8 in. Above overflow

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INTIMATIONS

FOR SALE

YATES'

PLANT FOOD,

Perfect Fertilizer,

in one pound tin,

Sufficient for 30 to 50

POT PLANTS,

according to size, for one year.

GRACA & CO.,

Dealers in Garden Seeds, Postage

Stamps, Post Cards, Toys, &c.,

No. 10, Wyndham Street,

P. O. Box 620. Hongkong

JAPANESE MAKERS.

Every kind of Footwear.

MADE TO ORDER.



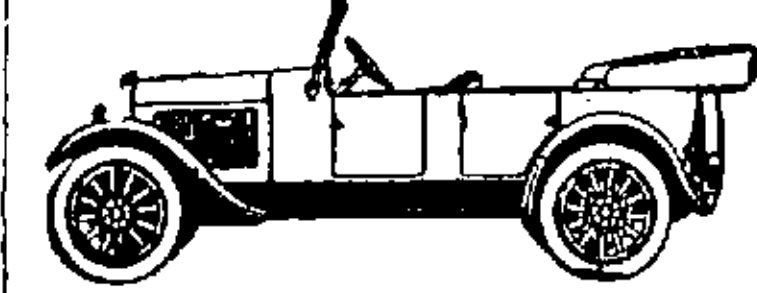
CHERRY & CO.,

6, D'AGUIAR STREET,

Opposite Kowloon & Co.

Telephone No. 491.

Hongkong, March 20, 1914.



PALACE MOTOR Co., Ltd.

Phone Central 844

Western Branch 8148

Kowloon Branch 8307

New Cars For Hire & For Sale.

Private Cars garaged.

Repairing Cars a Speciality.

MASSAGE.

Mrs. RONDA and Mrs. KISAKI

14 years' experience.

No. 24, Wyndham Street,

(opposite to the "China Mail")

TANG YUK, DENTIST.

Dentist to

the late SIEN TING,

14, D'Aguiar Street.

VERNE VERY MODERN.

SOUTHERN PARK.

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THERAPION NO. 2

THERAPION NO. 3

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Hughes & Hough

AUCTIONEERS TO THE GOVERNMENT
AND ADMIRALTY.

Coal Contractors
General Brokers.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

THURSDAY,
January 26, 1922, at 10.30 a.m.,
at No. 6, Humphreys Buildings,
Kowloon.
Valuable Household Furniture,
etc., etc., etc.
Comprising:—

Bedroom and Dining Room Suites,
Blackwood Cabinets, Chairs and Side
Tables, &c., &c., &c.

Also
Several Japanese Water Colours in
Blackwood Frames.

On view afternoon before date of Sale.
Terms: Cash on delivery.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, January 24, 1922.

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED)

THURSDAY,
January 26, 1922, at 2.30 p.m.,
at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,
Des Voeux Road, Central.

Japanese Curios,

Comprising:—

Bronze Figures, Animal and Human
Figures, Lamps, and Desk Lamps,
Sassaparilla and Japanese Ware, Clo-
thes, Gold Leaf, etc., etc., etc.

Terms: Cash on delivery.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, January 24, 1922.

THE Undersigned have received in-
structions to sell by Public Auction,
By Order of Mortgagee Ngin Keng Hoi,
16, Des Voeux Road, Central.

MONDAY,

February 6, 1922, at 3 p.m.,

at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,
Des Voeux Road, Corner of
Lee House Street.

SS "SUN TAK"

Twin Screw Passenger Steamer,
Steel, built by Hawthorn, Leslie & Co.,
Newcastle on Tyne, lying at Yau-mat.

Length 250 feet 6 inches. Breadth
34 feet.

Engines by Hawthorn, Leslie & Co.,
I.P. 1800, 2 Sets Triple Expansion
19in. x 30in. x 50in. Stroke 34in.

Boilers by Hawthorn, Leslie & Co.,
two double-ended working pressure
120 lbs.

Speed 10 1/2 knots. Revolutions
70. Consumption 28 tons. Net
Registered Tonnage 1,145 tons. Gross
Tonnage 1,650 tons. Dead Weight
Capacity 1,500 tons including
Bunkers.

Bunker Capacity 280 tons. Water
Tank 160 tons and extra.

Steam Steering Gear & Electric
Light. Shute Deck & Main Deck.

PASSENGER CAPACITY 320.

LICENSED.

Terms: Cash on delivery.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, January 24, 1922.

FOR SALE.

6 Cly Hudson wire wheels two spare
wheels and complete Equipment
in thoroughly sound running condition.
For price & particulars apply

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

SAFE, Suro and Guaranteed cure
for Leprosy, Leucoderma, Patches,
Marks, Eruptions, Eczema, etc. in four
weeks. Patients willing to be treated
by Post, are requested to write
to 7/8/ (Ten shillings) per week.
Full particulars Free under cover.
"BRI" WORKS, Denon Square,
(O.M.) Calcutta, (India).

INTIMATIONS

THE WEST POINT BUILDING
CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the THIRTY-FOURTH ORDIN-
ARY GENERAL MEETING of
SHAREHOLDERS in this Company
will be held at the Offices of Messrs.
Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., on
THURSDAY, 26th January, 1922, at
11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the Directors together
with a Statement of Accounts for the
year ending 31st December, 1921.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED from TUES-
DAY, 17th January to THURSDAY,
26th January, both days inclusive
during which period no transfer of
shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary

to the General Agents,
Hongkong, January 10, 1922.

THE HONGKONG CENTRAL
ESTATE, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the EIGHTH ORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING of SHARE-
HOLDERS in this Company will be
held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine
Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Thursday,
26th January, 1922, at 11.45 a.m. for
the purpose of receiving the Report of
the Directors together with a Statement
of Accounts for the year ending 31st
December, 1921.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED from TUES-
DAY, 17th January to THURSDAY,
26th January, both days inclusive
during which period no Transfer of
Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary

to the General Managers,
Hongkong, January 10, 1922.

THE HONGKONG LAND
RECLAMATION CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the TWENTY-FIRST ORDIN-
ARY GENERAL MEETING of SHARE-
HOLDERS in this Company will be
held at the Offices of Messrs.
Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., on
THURSDAY, 26th January, 1922, at
12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the Directors
together with a Statement of Accounts
for the year ending 31st December,
1921.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED from TUES-
DAY, 17th January to THURSDAY,
26th January, both days inclusive
during which period no Transfer of
Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary

to the General Managers,
Hongkong, January 10, 1922.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the THIRTY-FOURTH ORDIN-
ARY GENERAL MEETING of SHARE-
HOLDERS in this Company will be
held at the Offices of Messrs.
Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., on
THURSDAY, 26th January, 1922, at
12.15 p.m. for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the Directors together with
a Statement of Accounts for the year
ending 31st December, 1921.

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Company will be CLOSED from TUES-
DAY, 17th January to THURSDAY,
26th January, both days inclusive
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shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary

to the General Agents,
Hongkong, January 10, 1922.

THE HONGKONG, CANTON &
MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND
ORDINARY MEETING OF
SHAREHOLDERS in this Company
will be held at the Office of the Com-
pany Union Building, on TUESDAY,
February 7th, 1922, at 12 o'clock noon,
for the purpose of receiving a Report
of the Directors, together with a State-
ment of Accounts, declaring a Dividend
and electing Directors and Auditors.

The REGISTER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from Janu-
ary 24th to February 7th, 1922, both
days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 13, 1922.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
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Hongkong, January 13, 1922.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the Transfer Books of the above
Company will be CLOSED from 28th
January to 7th February, 1922, both
days inclusive.

Dated this 10th day of January, 1922.

By Order of the Board,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.
Agents.

REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

BANK HOLIDAY,
MONDAY, 30th January.

TEA and DINNER DANCING
will be held on MONDAY, 30th
January.

HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
an EXTRAORDINARY GEN-
ERAL MEETING OF THE ABOVE
COMPANY will be held at the
HONGKONG HOTEL, Pedder Street,
Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong,
on WEDNESDAY, THE FIRST
DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1922, AT
NOON, for the purpose of considering
and, if thought fit, passing the follow-
ing Resolutions as Extraordinary
Resolutions namely:—

(1) "That the Authorized Capital of
the Company (which is now
\$2,500,000 consisting of 250,000
shares of the nominal value of
\$10 each whereof 219,000 shares
have been issued) be increased
from \$2,500,000 to \$5,000,000 (consist-
ing of 500,000 shares of the
nominal value of \$10 each) by
the creation of 281,000 additional
shares of the nominal value of
\$10 each ranking (subject to
hereinafter mentioned) as from
date of allotment for dividend
and in all other respects pari
passu with the shares constituting
the Company's present issued
Capital."

(2) "That 109,650 shares be offered
on the proportion of one new
share for every complete number
of two old shares held by them
respectively to the persons who
on the date of the confirmation of
this Resolution are registered in the
Company's Share Register as the
holders of the said 219,300 shares
at a premium of \$5 per share and
on allotment the nominal
amount due in respect of such
109,650 shares plus the said
premium of \$5 per share shall be
payable as follows:

Date of Payment:
15th March 1922 \$3
15th August 1922 \$3
15th March 1923 \$4

Amount payable in respect of the
nominal value of each share.
\$2
\$2
\$1

Amount payable in respect of the
premium on each share.
\$5
\$5
\$5

and further that until such time
as the said 109,650 shares shall
be fully paid up they shall, vis-a-
vis the said 219,300 shares, only
rank for dividend in proportion
to the ratio borne by the amount
paid up thereon to the full
nominal value (\$10) thereof, and
that any of the said 109,650
shares which shall not be taken
up by the Company's Share-
holders in manner aforesaid be
disposed of in such manner as
the Company's Board of Directors
shall think fit."

(3) "That the balance of the shares
constituting the Company's in-
creased Capital be issued at such
times or times, in such manner
and upon such terms and condi-
tions in every respect as the
Company's Board of Directors
may decide."

Should the above Resolutions be
passed by the requisite majority, they
will be submitted for confirmation
as Special Resolutions to a SECOND
EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING to be held at the HONG-
KONG HOTEL, Pedder Street, afore-
said on SATURDAY, the 18th day
of February, 1922, at 11 A.M. for
the purpose of considering and, if thought
fit, confirming such Resolutions as
Special Resolutions accordingly.

Dated this Twentieth Day of Janu-
ary, 1922.

By Order of the Board,
H. N. D'AUVERGNE,
Secretary.

HUMPHREYS, ESTATE AND
FINANCE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the ORDINARY ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS in this Company will be
held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hong-
kong, on SATURDAY, the 4th Febru-
ary, 1922, at 11.30 a.m. for the pur-
pose of receiving the Report of the Direc-
tors together with a Statement of
Accounts for the year ending 31st
December 1921.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from the
25th January, to the 6th February,
(both days inclusive), during which
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JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the THIRTY-THIRD ORDIN-
ARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
in this Company will be held at the
Company's Offices Victoria Buildings on
FRIDAY 10th February, 1922, at 12
o'clock NOON, for the purpose of re-
ceiving the Report of the Directors
together with the Statement of Accounts
for the year ending 31st December,
1921.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED from WED-
NESDAY 1st February, to FRIDAY
10th February, both days inclusive
during which period no transfer of
shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
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occupy more than four lines. In
future if this space is exceeded they
will be placed in the advertising
columns at the prevailing rates.

CONDITIONS IN CHINA.

(Continued from Page 2).

AMERICAN POLICY.

That enterprising country is making
strenuous efforts to persuade the
Chinese that America is a true and
useful friend. The refusal to
accept Boxer indemnity, which every
European nation involved rushed to
recomp, undoubtedly had a psy-
chological effect which has benefited
the Americans. The foundation of
colleges in China, and of scholarships
in America, and the treatment in
America of Chinese students as
welcome guests, further help towards
the desired end. The Y.M.C.A.s,
which I visited certainly impress the
Chinese with the position and power
of America. They are splendid build-
ings, with extensive gymnasiums,
reading-rooms, music rooms, and all
other appurtenances for recreation
of mind and body. But they
are ostentatiously American from
basement to roof. The American
endeavours to impress the native
with the belief that he is his
true friend; and as he does not
adopt the supercilious manner of
which most Britons apparently find
it impossible to divest themselves
when in contact with other peoples,
he finds it easy to score. Notwith-
standing this, I was told by old
European residents that the anti-
foreign feeling was rarely ever greater
than at present, and that its leaders
are mainly returned Chinese students
who have studied all the learning of
the West.

I made inquiries as to the esteem
in which Australian goods, apart from
primary products, are held in China.
I was told that they are acceptable
and that undoubtedly Australia can
find good openings. Mr. Little, the
Trade Commissioner is assiduous in
our interests. But the importance of
meeting the peculiarities of the
situation in China was stressed. For
instance, biscuits and jam made in
Australia are popular. But it is
asserted that the manufacturers ex-
pect the Chinese buyer to understand
English. They will not trouble to
print labels in Chinese. The Ameri-
cans make no such over-ight. They
not only print their labels in Chinese
but issue pamphlets and leaflets in
that language, and where such are
illustrated, the illustrations show
Chinese enjoying the wares they are
invited to buy.

"WIPE OUT GOLD"

MR. FORD'S PLAN TO STOP ALL
WAR.

Mr. Henry Ford, motor-car
manufacturer, has another bright
idea. To day he announces a new
project for the abolition of war. This
time he proposes the wiping out of
gold as a basis of currency, "substi-
tuting for it the world's imperishable
natural wealth."

In gold Mr. Ford sees the root of
most of the evils of the world and the
cause of all wars. "If you knocked
at every house in every street in every
city in the world and asked the people
inside if they wanted war," said Mr.
Ford "every man and woman would
say, 'God save us from wars!'"

"Why are there wars? It is
because there is profit in wars, profit
in gold. The world's small supply of
gold is now in the hands of a small
group of international bankers. It is
become a curse to them because
hoarded gold earns nothing. They
must keep it turning, and stable con-
ditions of peace don't keep it turning
fast enough."

"The way to keep it hard at work
is to create an enormous demand for
loans, and a way to do that is to
create war."

This statement was made by Mr.
Ford at Florence, Alabama, where he
has just arrived with Mr. Thomas
Edison to inspect the great Muscle
Shoals water power and nitrate
manufacturing plant partly built by
the Government during the war now
in the market. "The Government
estimate that \$10,000,000 is required
to complete the work at Muscle
Shoals," he said "By the time they
would have paid it back they would
have paid the bankers another
\$22,000,000 interest."

"My way would be to print bank-
notes to the amount of \$10,000,000
and withdraw them out of the profits
of the plant. Then the bankers who
didn't build the dam would get
nothing. If all great utilities were
financed in this way money sellers
would disappear."

Mr Ford has offered the Govern-
ment \$5,000,000 for the Muscle Shoals
plant, which, he says, he would ex-
ploit "not for private profit but in
the service of the people."

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The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE."

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 25, 1922.

LOST CAUSES.

The Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University has "sent down," or "rusticated," or whatever is the proper expression to denote expulsion, two undergraduates who took themselves too seriously as champions of Communism. He seems to be one of those very serious common-sense persons, who say, "It is all very well to be skittish and youthful. A joke's a joke, and I like a laugh as well as anybody, but when the country's in danger one cannot be too careful." That is the humour of sense, as distinguished from the sense of humour. It is one of the unavoidable paradoxes of existence in these days that our humourists should make us weep and our sages make us laugh. It is Max Beerbohm who makes us want to cry, with a picture of jazzing dancers chatting in a dance hall. One of them thinks that Trotsky must be "rather a darling." It was the panic-stricken politicians who first aroused our risibility in this connection, and now the earnestness of the Vice-Chancellor adds an extra giggle. These young men were running an undergraduate's paper, called "Free Oxford," and as is not unusual in such cases, the paper began to run away with them.

University journalists are all for pickles and spices and ginger. An issue that does not make something of a splash is a dead issue for them. These young "political animals," as Aristotle might have called them, got to the length of shouting in print that if the "bourgeoisie" would not swallow Communism it ought to be "exterminated." We agree with him that threats of extermination are not good argument, but in that case why should he exterminate them? Now he will have made martyrs of them, or at least heroic copies of Shelley, who was expelled because of opinions; and he will have encouraged the Duke of Northumberland, the Gloomy Dean, and the *Morning Post* to repeat with greater conviction than ever that the nation is rotten with Bolshevism and ripe for revolution. It is almost possible to imagine the beginnings of pessimistic articles. "When there appears, even in the heart of such respectable precincts as those of our great University..." Generalizing as usual from particulars (and such tiny insignificant particulars!) they will do their best to make our flesh creep. They will speak of it as arousing and awakening us to a sense of our danger. If only the sense of humour were wider spread and more respectable than it is, we would have less to laugh at. In the case of Bolshevism and Communism, the *China Mail* has all along maintained that our politicians and our officials and our journalists would have done far better to accept the excellent advice given to Miss Bo Deep when she lost her sheep. If the communists' experiment in Russia had been given a fair field (no favour) it would have failed, and we should have known it for a failure, whereas now the Communists claim that it cannot be said to have failed because

the Powers killed it, and we cannot argue with them, because the Powers did so much to make it impossible, even if human nature would have allowed it a chance.

Even so, habitually and carefully sceptical, have been entertaining, as the result of much newspaper reading, an exaggerated notion of the extent to which these political ideas had captured the public mind at Home. We are informed by a recently returned local resident in whose judgement and competence as an observer we have full confidence, that there is more cry than wool. He says that with the exception of the changes in the catchwords, the political malcontents are what they were, as regards numbers and importance, thirty years ago. The Labour movement is one thing; communistic revolution is another. Even the genuine Labour movement, he thinks, showed signs of loss of vigour, the chief anxiety of the workers now being to be allowed to work. Demand for British manufactures is slack, as a direct result of the war. The unemployed ranks seemed to be swelling rather than diminishing. The masses, he thinks, are more keenly interested in getting on in keeping jobs than in politics. It is, after all, what we might have expected. In any case, even if the Communist Party at Home had been a big instead of a little one, no undergraduate's paper would be likely to hasten the arrival of the tumult and the guillotine. Oxford might have been allowed, we think, without grave danger to the Empire, to add this one more to his list of lost causes.

Incredible But True.

Some few months ago a mother ready and able to give her son the love and comfort of his own home sought his release from the lunatic asylum where he had been placed when his nerves gave way through overwork. He was not a "violent case" and she was in a position to prove that no care or safeguard would be wanting. Noting that the mother had the means and that the son was obviously languishing—he did not long afterwards the request was summarily refused. That was at Home. Here in Hongkong things are different. A man posing as a relative can go to our lunatic asylum, express a desire to take a woman inmate back to the country, and promptly receive custody of her person together with receipts for her property. After he has converted her money to his own use—some \$90 odd in this instance—he can turn her loose on an unsuspecting community. She may drift back to the asylum or she may not. This particular woman, by a lucky chance, did. That she was a lunatic—the Ward Master himself admits she was still insane when taken away apparently did not disturb the asylum authorities. Here was a man professing to be a relative ready to take her away; then by all means let him take her, the sooner the better. Good! But it would be interesting to know what evidence he adduced in proof of his claim and what guarantees the asylum required that a woman still insane would not become a menace to the community. The public is entitled to an assurance that this extraordinary—and dangerous—incident will not occur again.

Both to Blame.

Bacon it was, that author of many expressive similes, who likened the selfish to people who will "set a house on fire and it were but to roast their eggs." Hongkong at the moment is the tickle-house. Both the employers and the strikers in the present shipping dispute appear determined to achieve their respective objects regardless of the hardship and loss the Colony—and adjacent ports, too—must suffer. In their present tempers no settlement is possible. Neither will now make the smallest concession towards conciliation though both have frankly admitted a certain degree of justice in the other's claims, the employers by offering a scale of increases and the strikers by agreeing to reduce their original demands as a basis for arbitration. As both were bagging for the best terms when their advances were made they might reasonably have been expected to modify their respective claims and so reduce the gap between what the one was prepared to concede and what the other was prepared to accept to a size where final compromise would have been easy. All this notwithstanding, each side is now adamant for complete surrender. Now that the first excitement is over and the evils of the strike are fast manifesting themselves, the public viewpoint is that as the strikers must be settled sooner or later let it be settled at once. Both sides, having shown a selfish disregard for the public, that luckless body now has sympathy for neither employer nor striker, each of whom it regards as equally culpable in prolonging a dispute at once costly and unnecessary.

Town With It.

Just as local foodstuff prices show a strong tendency to increase owing

to the seamen's strike of locating the flow of fresh provisions from West River ports, cheering news comes from Home of declining living costs. During December the percentage figure fell seven points and at the end of the month reached the lowest since March of 1918—92 per cent. above the pre-war level. The first prices that followed the outbreak of war having somewhat subsided the official "cost of living" index figure (which represents the percentage increase in the cost of maintaining unchanged the average pre-war standard of living of working class families) remained more or less stationary between 15 and 20 per cent. from January to May of 1920 and then climbed steadily about five points every few months—remaining stationary the longest for four months in 1915 and jumping the quickest twelve points in October of 1919—until it reached its highest point, 176 per cent., in November of 1919. After that, thanks mainly to reduced food prices, it gradually decreased—nine points was its biggest drop in May last year—until it touched 103 in November. If the present steady downward trend continues the figure should soon reach half its highest level, and then what might we not hope for? But meanwhile, Hongkong prices...

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Among the passengers who sailed for Home by the N.Y.K.s.s. "Mishima Maru" today were Mr. and Mrs. S.B. McElderry.

Word has been received at the Harbour office that the s.s. "Sanjin Maru" is returning to port under her own steam with disabled machinery.

Lieut. A. D. and Mrs. Nicholl, Mrs. G. T. Edkins and Master Edkins were passengers for San Francisco by the Pacific Mail liner "Hoosier State" which sailed today.

Invitations have been issued for the Victoria Recreation Club's fancy dress dance on Saturday first. The revellers will unmask at the witching hour. A very enjoyable evening is assured.

The Shanghai interport golf team—Captain E.L.M. Barrett, and Messrs. C. T. Beath, K. M. Cumming, J. B. Ferrier, and B. A. Roberts—left the Colony by the Pacific Mail s.s. "Hoosier State" today.

Ten cases of typhoid are said to have occurred at a Balavia Hotel owing to alleged neglect of food and drinking water conditions there. The hotel is now isolated by the police. One person is reported to have died.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., will give a short address on "The Washington Conference" to the Reading Circle of the Helena May Institute tomorrow morning, January 26. The address will begin for this time only at 11 a.m. instead of at the usual hour 10.30 a.m.

Dancers are promised an unusual treat at the Kowloon Theatre this evening when Key's Jazz Orchestra, a band famous in America, will play the music for a special dance. Sanford Richeson, known as the "violin jazz king," will make his first appearance in the Colony. Tickets, \$1.50 each, may be had from Montie's.

About 9.30 yesterday morning, as the outgoing train was shunting from No. 6 to No. 5 rails, a Chinese woman attempted to board one of the carriages. She fell between two coaches, and although the train was immediately stopped, she received injuries which necessitated her removal to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

The Victoria Recreation Club's second scratch regatta takes place at Black Boulder Point on Monday. "All are welcome," writes the Honorary Secretary, Mr. R. C. Wicheil, "and the launch will leave Murray Pier at 9.30 a.m." Tiffin tickets should be booked at the Club not later than Friday, January 27. The sporting events will include two open races, a motor boat handicap, and open sailing boats (16 feet and under) races.

GARRISON CHANGES.

GRENADIERS REPLACING THE PUNJABIS.

The 2nd Battalion of the Duke of Edinburgh's Wiltshire Regiment, which has been in Hongkong since 1919, leaves us to-morrow, sailing on the "Himalaya" at noon. The 22nd Punjab, will also be leaving shortly. It is due for relief early next month. The new regiment, the 102nd Grenadiers—is due to arrive here from India on or about February 15, and the Punjabis will sail about the 20th at the latest.

SPECIAL CABLE.

FRAUD CHARGE FAILS.

LEICESTER ACQUITTED.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, Jan. 25.

George Basil Leicester was acquitted before Judge Grain by a jury yesterday on the criminal charge of fraud against Chinese connected with shipping affairs. It was alleged that the accused received various sums and promised positions on ships coming to Shanghai.

GOSSIP, NOT NEWS.

STRIKES OLD AND NEW.

Practically nothing is talked about by the gossips but the strike. It is a curious experience for the open mind that can spare time to listen to it all. "The Seamen's Guild supplies seamen in batches to charterers, and it is the Guild that has been squeezing the men." That was the dictum of one gentleman.

"Why should they make so much trouble over so little?" demanded a tradesman referring to the shipping companies. "It would not come out of their pockets. The wages bill of a small steamer may come to about \$2,000 a month. A couple of hundred more (and it would not mean that much) would make very little difference."

"Two months hard for going aboard a ship without permission was a wicked sentence to pass on a Union official. Far too severe." This was the verdict of a group of men standing on the kerb, including one shipmaster. "If they're not careful they'll bring on a general strike," said one man who is in touch with Chinese opinion. "I wouldn't be surprised at anything happening after the New Year."

"And that reminds me," said a householder, "that all the boys and cooks are coming out on strike on the 2nd of the 1st moon. I had it from my own boy, and Mrs. So-and-so heard it from her amah, and Mr. — (a lawyer) had the same tip from his boy."

"Even the amahs are coming out, I hear," added another.

"Evidently we need a campaign more against strikes than smallpox," said one. "They're catching."

One group was vigorously denouncing the Government for sending that armed steamer to Canton last week. "Pretty thin to pretend the navy is short of provisions," remarked one.

"It wasn't the Government" put in another man. "Who was it then?" "I don't know, but I happen to know (never mind how) that the Government is being strictly neutral, and careful to make its attitude 'correct.' Macao, for instance, has run very short of rice, and the Macao Government is asking Hongkong to allow armed ships to come and load rice, and the Hongkong Government had to explain that it could not do so without embarrassing its relations with its Chinese neighbours."

All this, the reader is again warned, was merely kerb gossip. It gives a fair idea of how all sorts of people were talking this forenoon.

America's Challenge to British Shipping.—For a time, after the war, it looked as if the supremacy of British shipping was in serious danger from America. In June, 1914, American shipping tonnage was almost insignificant, being only 1,837,000 tons. In June, 1921, it was no less than 12,314,000 tons, an increase of nearly ten and a half million tons. But American tonnage was a product of war-time conditions. Their shipbuilding feat in the last years of the war was an amazing one, and they are right to be proud of it. If, however, shipbuilding had been an industry eminently suited to American conditions before the war, the Americans would have built ships second to none in quality and in numbers not smaller than ours. They did not do so. I do not think that conditions after the war are so greatly changed as to make very much difference after things have settled down. There are weighty economic reasons for supposing that, in competition with America, and in even keener competition with other countries, we shall, if we are wise, hold our own. I say—if we are wise. As things stand at present, both in shipbuilding and ship-repairing, we are being seriously threatened and overshadowed from outside, but there are indications that we are settling down—man to man, as well as in the mass—and the speed with which we do settle down will be the measure of our wisdom. (From an article entitled "All You Big Steamers," by Sir Andrew Duncan, in the January issue of the "London Magazine.")

IN THE SOCIAL SWIM.

I hear there are eight ladies who arrived with the "King's" on Sunday last. They will probably find some difficulty in getting accommodation unless they can find room in Mount Austin Barracks. They cannot have formed a very good impression of Hongkong, as it has rained practically the whole time since they have been here. It must also have been very unpleasant for the Wiltshires under canvas.

On Monday was the dance given by the Admiral and Miss Duff on board the "Hawkins." Unluckily the elements were most unpropitious. It had drizzled all day, and it rained hard during the evening. This made it impossible to keep the decks dry, and the tarpaulins leaked, so one had to steer one's way among the puddles. There had been a suggestion of postponing the dance, but as there seemed no reason to suppose that the weather would improve it was decided to hold it all the same. There were plenty of men, so one got as much dancing as one wanted, and everyone regretted it, when the time came to rush for that last tram. The "Alacrity" was moored alongside, where one could sit out (and get dry) or partake of supper including the well known game pie.

There was also a bridge room there for the men. H. E. and Lady Stubbs were present, Sir George and Lady Kirkpatrick—I suppose their last public society function.—and I believe the new General and his wife were also there. There were some very smart dresses. I thought Miss Duff looked charming in mole coloured net over a golden sheen foundation. The bodice was relieved with royal blue. Mrs. Bowden Smith and Mrs. Claud Severn were both in black. I particularly noticed Mrs. Harry Hancock's frock of brick red, draped with minon and trimmed with a nice border of fur. Mrs. Shenton looked very smart in black with tiny bunches of red flowers. I also noticed a very charming frock worn by a beautiful young American, whose name I have forgotten. It was pale mauve, very short, with shaped draperies reaching to the ankles. The effect was very smart. Mrs. Evans looked charming in black, as did Mrs. Crook-shank, also in black, draped with old lace. Mrs. Gompertz was in violet, and Mrs. Pollock in pale pink with a soft tunic of cream lace. These were only a few of the smart dresses I noticed. All the men neatly, were in uniform so it was a "kaleidoscopic" (hope that is spelt right!) scene, as one of my partners described it. Altogether a very cheery and enjoyable evening. The excellent band of the "Hawkins" provided the music.

I am sorry to hear that Mr. Farebrother Mason had been seriously ill in the French Hospital. Everyone wishes him a speedy recovery. Mrs. Dyer and Mrs. Grant Smith are also in the French Hospital, and Mrs. Ospring—who had an infant about Christmas time—has had to go into hospital on the Peak. There has been quite an epidemic of minor ailments, such as influenza, heavy colds etc., indeed, most people seem to be suffering from the latter. Mrs. Tomlinson, wife of Major Tomlinson, R.A.M.C., arrived from home last week. She is in a bungalow on Mount Kellet, in fact, nearly on top of it! Mrs. Bowden Smith gave a children's party on the "Tamar" on Tuesday which all the youthful guests enjoyed immensely.

On Wednesday morning Sir George and Lady Kirkpatrick left for Home in the "Egypt." It was a cold damp morning but a large crowd of people was present at Murray Pier. The Wiltshires furnished a guard of honour with their band in attendance. Amongst those present were Lady Stubbs and Mrs. Claud Severn. After inspecting the guard of honour and shaking hands with his friends, the General boarded the "Omphale" which was dressed with flags in honour of the occasion. He then proceeded to the "Alacrity" to say goodbye to the Admiral and Miss Duff. As he left, H.M.S. "Hawkins" fired a salute, and the crew of the "Omphale" let off crackers. Lady Kirkpatrick was the recipient of a large number of bouquets. She will be very much missed in Hongkong society as she had endeared herself to all by her great charm of manner. A certain number of people went on board to bid them a final farewell. The "Egypt" sailed about noon.

On Wednesday evening Mrs. Lammer gave a small dance. Some old military residents who are returning to the Colony are Major Lawes, R.G.A. and Mrs. Lawes, and Major Matthews, who succeeds Major Wakefield, D.S.O., in command of the Hongkong and Singapore R.G.A. Major Wakefield who has been many years in China leaves us on promotion. I hear the wedding of Mrs. C. H. Rose and Commander Hartford, D.S.O., R.N., on the 14th was a very quiet one no invitations being issued and only a few personal friends being present. The engagement is announced of Mrs. Layton to a Calcutta merchant. Mr.

and Mrs. W. A. Hammbal have returned to Hongkong and Mr. E. J. Grist went Home on the "Egypt." People do come and go in this place, don't they? I don't wonder that they go if the present cold, damp weather continues. It touches up one's liver a bit, does it not? The 22 Punjabis have issued invitations for a dance in the first week in February and I hear the R.G.A. are giving one at the end of the same month. All the schools at present seem to be having prize-givings—I suppose they are breaking up for the China New Year holidays—and Lady Stubbs must be having a busy time as she seems to attend most of them. I wish this strike would finish. I don't know what it is all about, but I do know that when I want something, particularly for dinner, my compadres always say "No can get—all men out on strike. Very bad men!" though what they have to do with my very simple requirements passes my comprehension.

Congratulations to Mrs. D. Rhodes who presented her lord and master with a son on Thursday. On Saturday there was a very gay and pretty dance at Kingsclere—fancy dress—with, incidentally, a splendid supper. There were well over 300 people there. Quite one of the most striking dresses was that worn by Mrs. Monteith Webb as a pierrot in blue and gold brocade. Among other dresses I noticed Mrs. Bigger as a Spanish lady, Mrs. Bristow as a charming Japanese, Mrs. Shaw in pink taffeta and powdered hair, Mrs. Milroy very dainty as a workbag, Mrs. Peter Todd as a barlingquette, Miss Farner as the Beggar Maid in a ragged, brown dress and a wreath of leaves in her lovely hair, and perhaps the most fascinating of all—Mrs. Van der Veen as a little girl, a real little girl, no-one could imagine her anything else, she looked about 12. Mrs. Pearce was a Dresden shepherdess and another lady—wild horses will not draw the name from me—was described as "the serene and yellow leaf." Among the men Captain Bristow fitted the part as a cave man or prehistoric chief, or something of that nature. There was also a very good showman but I am not quite sure of his identity as his face was covered with cotton snowflakes (was it you Mr. C—I rather liked like your eyes!) Mr. Butterfield made a very fine Chinese policeman and Captain Havelock Davies a Roman. Mr. Smythe was an excellent Mephistopheles and Mr. Dowley in kilts was in as much request as ever. A good many Naval officers were present. Altogether it was a very pleasant evening and I would not like to say quite what time I got home.

I know my spouse met some very thrifty friends in the Club bar on Monday, who admitted not having got to bed before four, but then they had probably kept it up somewhere else!

I am glad to hear Major Cassel is out of hospital, at last and I hope to sail for California the second week in February. He has had a very bad time the last four months.

How horribly cold it is, and how very gray the skies are! One does like to see the sun in the "shiny East," but a tearing N.E. wind, gray skies and a drizzling rain is enough to put anyone in a bad temper. Personally I have been wasting my time ringing all my friend up, to see if they would brave the elements, and come round and play bridge, but Sunday is a bad day—the husbands' day (when incidentally in good weather they usually disappear all day to Failing to play golf) and everyone seems to think her own fire is best. I don't blame her, so do I, but I want three other people to share it and a rubber! My husband, who has just come back from Failing, tells me Mrs. Winslow beat Mrs. Fitzroy Williams easily in the Ladies' Championship. He added some cryptic remark that sounded like eight and seven, but as I don't understand the first rudiments of golf, and he is always so scornful when I ask him c numbers about it, I let it go at that, neither vouching for the quotation being accurate nor pretending to understand what he meant. I do hate golf "shop" don't you? We had a dinner the other night, and everyone seemed to be a "gol-fomaniac," except myself. Everyone was discussing the number of strokes. X had taken for a certain hole, and the condition of the N—th green, until my head was in a whirl! I hear Mrs. Claud Severn has issued invitations for a dance in the second week in February. I hear the Wiltshires leave us on Thursday. There was an extra dance at the U.S.R.C. on Saturday, but I fear the Kingsclere dance must have affected the attendance, as there seem to have been very few people there.

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FOOTBALL.

"SHIELD" MATCH.

"TAMAR" V. "ALACRITY."

The first match in connection with the Hongkong Football Shield Competition was played off on the Navy "A" ground at Happy Valley on Monday afternoon, when the "Tamar" met and defeated the "Alacrity" by 3 goals to 1.

The match was evenly contested in the opening stages, and until Smith was penalised for tripping, neither side gained any material advantage. Unfortunately for the "Tamar" the offence occurred in the penalty area, and making no mistake with the penalty kick, the "Alacrity's" centre forward put his side ahead.

The "Tamar" went down from the centre. The ball dodged about the goal mouth in a dangerous manner for some time, and then Hudson took a pot shot which landed the ball in the net beyond the goalie's reach.

Heartened by the equalizer, the "Tamar" returned to the attack and Wellington put them one up with a swift ground shot from close range, following a well placed corner kick.

Stung by the reverse, the "Alacrity" took up the offensive and worried the "Tamar" defence for a considerable time. However, they could not score. The ball on several occasions all but entered the net, missing the uprights by inches.

Towards the close of the game the "Tamar" went away, and Hill getting close in, put them two up with a first timer which gave the goalie no chance. The final whistle came soon afterwards and found the "Tamar" winners by 3 goals to 1.

Referee: Mr. Williams.

MATCH POSTPONED.

The "Durban" is unable to turn out a team for its match with the South China "Tigers" arranged for to-day, and the match has been postponed until a date to be fixed later.

CRICKET.

CLUB SERVICES.

This will be a two-day match during Chinese New Year holidays, between the H.K.A.A. and the United Services on the Club ground, commencing 10.30 a.m. on Saturday 28th January and Monday 30th January. The Club will be represented by the following:—R. Hancock (Capt.), T. E. Pearce, E. J. R. Mitchell, G. B. S. yer, K. B. Reed, L. J. Davies, B. D. Evans, E. G. Lamont, C. Baker, E. L. Briggs and E. W. Hamilton.

GOLF.

The result of the Bogey Pool played over the last week end at Fanning is as follows:—
J. D. Hammond... 3 down.
M. Appel... 1 tie.
D. de B. Newcomb... 4 down.

FUNERAL.

CAPTAIN EDWARD WALKER.

The funeral of the late Captain Edward Walker, master of the Douglas s.s. "Haiyang," took place at Happy Valley yesterday evening. There was a large attendance of engineers and officers of the different ships in harbour to pay their last tribute to an old and faithful friend.

The Rev. G. R. Lindsay performed the burial service at the graveside.

Among those present were Mr. E. Walker and Mrs. Walker (brother and sister-in-law), Messrs. W. Bennett, J. Miller, W. Hughes, L. Paine and Hood (Chief Officer, Chief Engineer, Second Officer, Second Engineer and Fourth Engineer respectively), Commander C. W. Beckwith, R.N., Mr. G. W. Barton, Mr. H. P. White, Lt. Comdr. Laurensen, of the China Coast Officers' Guild, Captain W. Passmore, Captain J. Thomson, Captain T. Hall and Captain J. Shear, Lt. and Mrs. W. Digby, Mrs. Hannes and Mrs. Cooper; Messrs. J. E. Gomes, A. E. Benson, Laing and W. F. O'Farrell.

At the conclusion of the service, the Rev. Lindsay said that it was a little over a year ago that he buried Mrs. Walker, whose death he very much regretted, and now it was his sad privilege to lay to rest so soon afterwards, Edward Walker. The deceased had been cut down in early manhood, but such was God's will. Speaking for himself he could not take this very solemn service without being reminded of the brevity of life and very often the sudden cutting short of one's days. Rev. Lindsay concluded by expressing, on behalf of St. Andrew's Church, his sympathy to the mourners, especially the near relatives.

Many beautiful floral tributes were sent, including those from the following:—

"Ellis and Babs" (brother and sister-in-law), "Frances and Con," "Barbara and Teddy," Officers and Engineers of the s.s. "Haiyang," (General Managers of Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., Engineers of the s.s. "Haiyang," Officers and Engineers of the s.s. "Haiyang," The China Coast Officers' Guild and Members of Phoenix Club; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mitchell, Captain and Mrs. W. Passmore, Mrs. C. J. Hannes, Mr. and Mrs. G. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Gill, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. Spading, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hyde and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cooper and family, Mr. and Mrs. Churcher, Nellie Laing, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Elson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Higby, Captain and Mrs. L. McEndell, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ramsay, Messrs. C. D. Farmer, Miller and Bennett, A. E. Benson, G. W. Barton, G. Stark, C. Edgecombe, H. P. White, Comdr. C. W. Beckwith, R.N., Lieut. Conway Hake, R.N.R., Captain E. W. Matthews, Messrs. J. E. Gomes and A. Simpson.

"White Magic" is the name given to the new dance invented by Miss Moss, who, with her partner, Mr. Fontana, dances it every evening at Caridge's ball-room in Paris. It is a kind of waltz step and is becoming very popular.

LOCAL SCHOOLS.

UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION AND SENIOR EXAMINATIONS NOVEMBER—DECEMBER, 1921.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS, PERCENTAGES OF PASSES ETC.

in Grant-in-Aid (Church) and Government Schools.

BOYS' SCHOOLS.

	Entries	Passes	Matric: Senior	Matric: Senior	Total Per cent.	Of	Scholar-
							ships
1. Diocesan Boys' School (Church of England.)	17	0	14	2	16	94.1	1 4
2. St. Joseph's College (Roman Catholic.)	16	5	10	7	17	80.9	1 0
3. St. Paul's College (Church of England.)	9	0	4	3	7	77.7	0 0
4. Ying Wah College (London Mission.)	2	3	1	1	2	40.0	0 0
5. Queen's College (Government School.)	12	5	4	1	5	29.1	0 0
6. St. Stephen's College.	15	15	14	14	14	93.3	1 0

Of the four Scholarships three were open Scholarships and one a Masonic Scholarship.

GIRLS' SCHOOLS.

1. French Convent (Roman Catholic.)	0	6	0	6	6	100.0	2 0
2. Diocesan Girls' School (Church of England.)	0	7	0	7	7	100.0	1 0
3. Belilios Public School (Government School.)	0	11	0	10	10	90.0	1 0
4. Italian Convent (Roman Catholic.)	1	6	1	5	6	85.7	1 0
5. St. Stephen's Girls' College	0	3	0	3	3	100.0	1 0

BOYS' SCHOOLS.

	No. of Entries Junior	No. of Passes	% of Passes	No. of Dist.	No. of Boys with Dist.	% of Boys Passed with Dist.
1. Diocesan Boys' School (Church of England.)	22	18	81.8%	18	10	55.5%
2. Queen's College (Government School.)	60	48	80.0%	28	16	33.3%
3. St. Joseph's College (Roman Catholic.)	74	51	68.8%	12	10	19.6%
4. St. Paul's College (Church of England.)	34	21	61.8%	4	4	19.04%
5. Wah Yan (Roman Catholic.)	32	13	40.6%	1	1	7%
6. Ying Wah (London Mission.)	13	5	38.4	0	0	0%
7. St. Stephen's College	20	12	60%	0	0	0%

GIRLS' SCHOOLS.

1. Diocesan Girls' School (Church of England.)	9	9	100.0%	5	4	44.4%
2. French Convent (Roman Catholic.)	9	9	100.0%	4	3	33.3%
3. Belilios Public School (Government School.)	8	7	87.5%	4	3	42.8%
4. Italian Convent (Roman Catholic.)	12	9	75.0%	4	3	33.3%
5. St. Stephen's Girls' College	3	3	100.0%	0	0	0%

SHADOWS BEFORE.

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN THE "MAIL."

ENTERTAINMENTS.

January 25.—Coronet Theatre, "Out of the Storm." Hongkong Theatre, "High Speed." World Theatre, "Man Trackers." Kowloon Theatre, Special Dance.
February 4.—Warwick Comedy Company, Theatre Royal.

SOCIAL EVENTS.

January 28.—Victoria Recreation Club Masked Fancy Dress Dance.
February 10.—The Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong, annual ball. City Hall, 9.30 p.m.

SPORTING EVENTS.

January 30.—Victoria Recreation Club Scratch Regatta. Black Boulder Point.
February 20.—Hongkong Jockey Club race meeting, first day. The Challenge Cup.
February 21.—Hongkong Jockey Club race meeting, second day. The Hongkong Derby.
February 22.—Hongkong Jockey Club race meeting, third day. The Champion Stakes.
February 23.—Hongkong Jockey Club race meeting, fourth day. The Hongkong Handicap.

PUBLIC AUCTION SALES.

January 26.—Hughes and Hough, household furniture, No. 6 Humphreys Buildings, Kowloon, 10.30 a.m.
January 26.—Hughes and Hough, Japanese curios. Sales rooms, 2.30 p.m.
February 7.—Hughes and Hough, firewood, packing cases, etc. H.M. Naval Dockyard, 9.30 a.m.
February 8.—Lammie Bros. leasehold property at Pak Tsan Tung (Kowloon). Sales rooms, 3 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

January 26.—West Point Building Co., Ltd. (11.30 a.m.) The Hongkong Central Estate, Ltd. (11.45 a.m.): The Hongkong Land Reclamation, Co., Ltd. (noon); and The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd. (12.25 p.m.) The offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson, and Co. Ltd.

February 1.—Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd., extraordinary general meeting, to consider resolution increasing capital from \$2,500,000 to \$5,000,000. Hongkong Hotel, noon.

February 3.—The West Point Building Co., Ltd., extraordinary general meeting to consider resolution "that the company be wound up voluntarily." Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., 11 a.m.

February 4.—Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co., Ltd., ordinary annual general meeting. Hongkong Hotel, 11.30 a.m.

February 6.—The Nancy Moller Steamship Co., Ltd., creditors' meeting. Offices of Seth, Mancell and McLaren, 7 Avenue Edouard VII Shanghai, 4 p.m.

February 7.—The Hongkong Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co. Ltd. Union Building, noon.

February 10.—The Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd., 23rd. ordinary general meeting. Company's offices, Victoria Buildings, noon.

February 14.—Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., extraordinary general meeting to consider resolution increasing capital from \$855,000 to \$1,500,000. Registered Offices, No. 2, Lower Albert Road, noon.

February 18.—The West Point Building Co., Ltd., extraordinary general meeting to confirm resolution for voluntarily winding up the company. Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson, & Co., Ltd., 11 a.m.

February 18.—Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd., second extraordinary general meeting, to confirm resolution increasing capital from \$2,500,000 to \$5,000,000. Hongkong Hotel, 11 a.m.

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ABODE OF LOVE.

SECRET OF BRIDE'S VILLA.

A honeymoon villa in Piedmont has been the scene of a Sherlock Holmes like mystery.

Some time ago an apparently newly married couple rented a beautiful villa near Bogliasco. Apparently they were well off, because they brought with them two men servants and a cook. After they had arrived with several big, heavy trunks, they rarely came out. Nobody visited them or even entered the villa.

This secretiveness raised suspicion among the country people, who smilingly called the villa the Abode of Love.

It was then discovered that it was an abode of crime.

The bridegroom, the bride, and the servants were a gang of forgers who had transformed the villa into a complete workshop where they produced forged bank notes for ninety million lire (about £900,000).

After leaving the villa and cancelling all traces of their criminal work, they tried to spend the money in Austria and then in Italy.

A detective, says the *Corriere della Sera*, unearthed the whole affair, and the false bride made a confession which brought about the arrest of her accomplices, who are now being tried.

CASTING OUT A DEVIL.

THREE HAGS AND FUMES OF BURNING WEEDS.

An attempt has just been made to cast a devil out of a woman living in a village of the Lauenburger district of Pomerania.

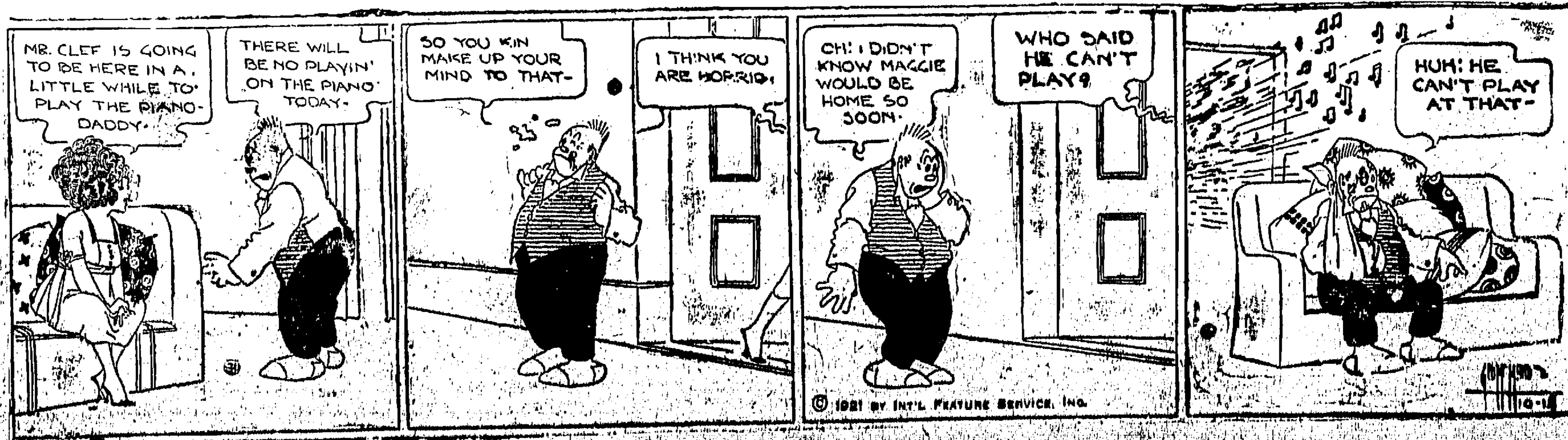
She appears to have been of a sour and somewhat hysterical disposition, and three of the village gossips came to the conclusion that her feelings were due to diabolical possession and resolved to effect a cure by means of ancient enchantments known to them.

They first of all gathered the herbs needed for the purpose in the forest at the proper conjunction of the stars. Then a tripod was formed of three chairs, and to these the patient was bound. Beneath her was fixed a pile of red-hot coal on which the herbs were scattered.

As the fumes of the burning weeds veiled the victim the three hags crooned the prescribed enchantment. The louder the woman shrieked the louder they sang, and after the process had been continued long enough to prove effective they ran away, believing the devil would run out of the woman after them.

She, however, continued to shriek. Her cries were heard by a man who came to the rescue and unbound her.

BRINGING UP FATHER.



ODDS AND ENDS.

MAINLY SCISSORS LOOT.

Fire Ball Drops.

A great ball of fire was seen to fall out of the south west sky at Eastbourne on the night of December 8, and appeared to drop into the sea over Beachy Head. It occurred about 9.30 and the sight was witnessed by scores of people on the sea front. Starting like a shooting star at a tremendous height, it gathered in brilliance as it approached the earth, lighting up the clouds over Beachy Head like an enormous searchlight. Coastguards on the summit of the Head were startled by its sudden appearance, but are unable to account for it or to ascertain where it fell. They report that it appeared to drop close to the land in the direction of Newhaven and Seaford.

The Baby Turtle And The Blue Sea.

Instinct in young animals is still a mystery to man, little understood, observes *Evening News*. A recent observation seems to show that its knowledge is physical to a greater extent than naturalists generally believe. Sea turtles hatch from eggs laid by the parent on dry land; as soon as they emerge they make unerringly for the sea. To discover what guided them, sheets of coloured paper were tried. When a red or yellow sheet was placed in front of the baby turtle he would turn and fix another sheet on, but a blue sheet attracted him towards it wherever it was placed. Colour, then, rather than an instinctive sense of direction would seem to be the guide for the newly hatched turtle. But even so, it was instinct, legendary in time, that told him his proper home was coloured blue.

Girl Burned Alive.

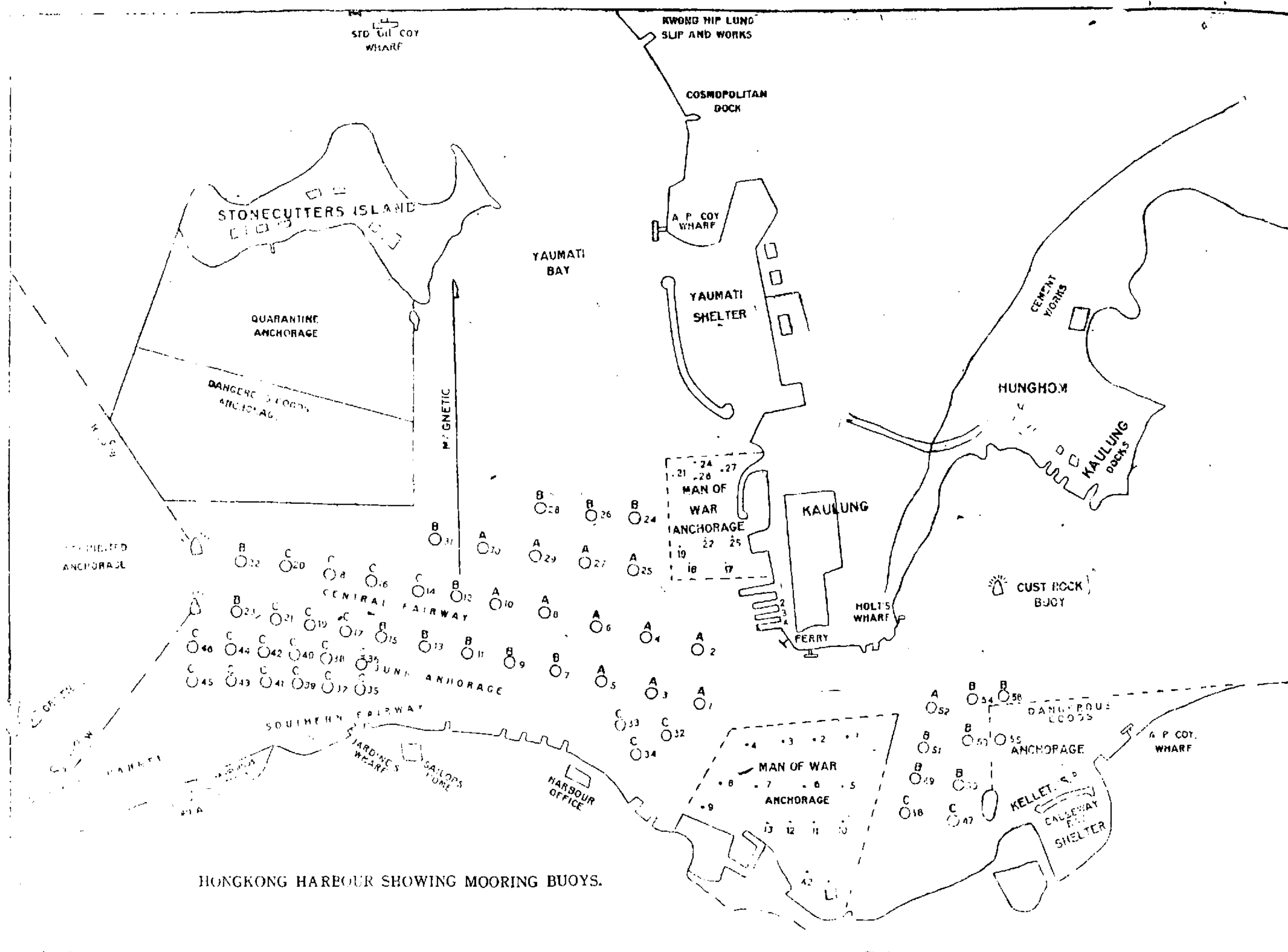
A tragedy was enacted in a small village in East Prussia, which attracted a parallel to the Grand Gorgon story of the Old Women, which has been lately thrilling London, writes the *Daily Express*. Berlin correspondent on December 5. Three elderly women of Lauenburg in this drama of real life became the victims of the charms of a young dressmaker, named Elsa Walstein. They deceived the girl to a lonely spot in the country, and then, on the pretext that she was possessed of the devil, they stripped her and bound her to a stake. A fire of dry grass, wood, and coal was built up round the stake, which quickly enveloped the girl. The three women knelt beside the fire, and while the flames greedily licked the dressmaker's white limbs called on the Evil One to leave the body of his victim. The girl died in the greatest agony.

The Cry of the Shipowners.

Messrs. William Beardmore launched from their yard at Dalmuir the twin screw steamer *Esperance Bay*, the second of two sister ships built for the Commonwealth Government Line of steamers. Lord Invernarnock in proposing success to the new ship at a subsequent luncheon, referred to the present position of shipbuilding. Despite the reduction of steel prices, he said, the cry of shipowners was still "too dear." Therefore, it behooved shipbuilders, employers and employees, to make personal sacrifices to reduce the cost of production. There was still room for considerable effort, not so much on the question of wages as in adjusting the working conditions. Payment by result was one of the most important. Mr. Shepherd, Acting High Commissioner in acknowledging the toast, said the greatest problem was the cost of production but Australia had beaten Britain in constructing smaller ships, which they could build for £2,000 less and yet pay higher wages.

The Prince's Horses.

In an interesting article on the Prince of Wales's Stud at Dartmoor a correspondent of the *Times* devotes much attention to the Arabs, which hold a prominent place in that Royal breeding ground. Among the three Arab stallions is one which was bred by the King of the Hedjaz, who presented him to the prince. Another named Kowit was a gift from the Sheikh of Kuwait and the third is thought to be the only living pure bred son of the famous Darwaz, who will be remembered as the winner of several races in India. He was a Kheilan, bred in the Arabian desert by the Amazeh, and he died at Princeton a short time ago. His two-year-old son is described by the *Times* correspondent as a shapely little fellow, promising to grow into a galloper. The Dartmoor pony is supposed to have a good deal of Eastern blood in its veins, and it is suggested that the crossing of the Arab with the Home-bred product may have an important bearing upon the future of light horse breeding in England.



HONGKONG HARBOUR SHOWING MOORING BUOYS.

WHAT IS CHINA?

A HARD QUESTION TO ANSWER.

Mr. Chao Hsin Chin, Chinese Charge d'Affaires, was the principal guest at a luncheon of the Advisory Club on December 13, and delivered an address upon China, dealing with the theme "What is China?"

He pointed out that the question had been asked at the Washington Conference, and it still remained unanswered satisfactorily. Discussing it from all aspects, such as historical, geographical, social, financial and commercial, Mr. Chu particularly dealt with the political situation, remarking that China had political troubles to-day; they did not deny it. But no country in the world could well get rid of politics altogether, especially such a country as China, which had newly changed its form of Government and was faced with critical problems on reorganisation and reconstruction. No doubt they had learned from the newspapers that China herself is divided into two parts, namely, the North and the South. It was true in name, but untrue in fact. China had but one Government, with sectional differences and political controversies, through which certain people had attempted to separate themselves from its central Government. But no separation would be allowed. The Chinese people at large were hoping and working for a union which was most essential to China's stability and prosperity. They were confident they would succeed before long.

FIGHTING BY TELEGRAM.

The Chinese people were known as a peace loving people. Perhaps they were not aware of the fashion of Chinese fighting. They did not actually fight one another by means of arms, but the fighting was usually practised by means of telegrams; that is to say, one party condemned the other by the expression of its political opinions in a telegram, and the other opponent also argued back by telegram. This fashion of fighting had been in practice particularly since the new regime. The overthrow of the Manchu Dynasty was not entirely due to its being conquered by arms. The Revolution did not last long, and resulted in a very little killing, unlike the results of revolutions in other countries. The internal troubles of China at present, though reported in the newspapers as being bloodthirsty were not so in actual fighting; in nine cases out of ten, people were fighting, not by arms, but through wires. China's political disturbances never lasted very long, as was shown in her history. Whenever one Dynasty was overthrown there must have been some sort of political disorder which would have caused a division in some parts of the country. But after a certain period of time, when the sectional differences disappeared, unification was at once resumed. Socially, since the new regime, Chinese people have appreciated

ideals of duty to State, instead of holding up the family as a social unit, as hitherto. Western education brought into Chinese life, combines with what China once possessed. In social reform, foot-binding, opium smoking, and the queue, have been legally abolished. In finance public debts were only \$2.50 per head, and taxation is the lightest in the world, being \$1.50 per head. In the matter of finance China is justified in asking the foreign Powers to give her back freedom of tariff, or at least to be allowed to raise to approximately 12 1/2 per cent. Economically and commercially, equilibrium remains stationary since the war. As a producer, China has an unlimited supply of raw materials and food-stuffs and as a consumer she has a large market for manufactured products.

TEMPERAMENT.

The Chinese are more akin to the English than almost any other nation. Both sides have a strong family instinct, business keenness, commercial probity, a pronounced sense of humour, great industry, easy adaptability to all forms of progress, strong colonising instincts, and a very well-defined sense of right and wrong, of justice and fairness. There are two great drawbacks in the way of a better understanding; firstly, the great distance, and, secondly, language. In time to come we may modify the latter, and we are modifying the other now. Hence the great impetus to education, the stimulus to student emigration to this country and the incentive to English firms to send young men to China to be trained in Chinese habits and customs, and to learn the Chinese language. English manufacturers should allow Chinese students to get practical experience from their factories, with a view to adapting themselves to the machinery and tools of English make. Let him tell them what China offered. She offered to keep her door wide open. She also expected her neighbours and allies to help her keep her door practically and permanently open. She offered equal opportunity to all the Treaty Powers. In this sense, there should be no preference, such as special interests and spheres of influence. Next, what China wanted was fair treatment, when she would know how to return the obligation by reciprocity. She wanted a guarantee for her safety, from external aggression and encroachment, and in case of war, whilst she was not a belligerent party, her neutral rights should be strictly honoured. She wanted political freedom. Finally she wanted peace, but peace must be based on a permanent foundation, which was justice. The chief aim of the world to-day was commerce, and the chief aim of China was peace. To look for the benefit of commerce while doing injustice to China, thus jeopardising peace in the Far East, was like placing the cart before the horse. Beyond question, justice to China would not only serve as a key to the peace of the Far East, but to the peace of the whole world.

MAN TRACKERS.

George Larkin, co-featured with Josephina Hill in "Man Trackers," the epic of the grim and silent North which is now pleasing the patrons of the World Theatre, performs some extraordinary feats of strength, endurance and during throughout the action of this screen drama.

When Universal made its first big serial, "The Grey O' Hearts" some seven years ago, George Larkin was the player featured in the leading role. Having been a circus performer since he was five years old, and accustomed to feats of daring almost since he could walk, Larkin thought nothing of jumping off the roof of a building, from a speeding train or across a deep ravine. All he wanted was a fighting chance for safety, and he would go through with any stunt required by the scenario. As a result, he became known as one of the foremost serial stars. He has also been starred and featured in many feature productions requiring an actor who combined histrionic skill and the ability to inject a physical thrill into the action. Immediately preceding his appearance in "Man Trackers" he played the leading male role opposite Eileen Sedgwick in the Universal serial, "Terror Trail."

Two Chinese cases of enteric fever, one of which was fatal, were reported yesterday.

For the Chinese New Year holidays, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of public business on Saturday and Monday. The Imports and Exports Office will be closed on Saturday and Sunday but will be open until noon on Monday. Licensed warehouses will be entirely closed on these days.

"The Book of the Ford Van." The second edition of "The Book of the Ford Van," by R. T. Nicholson, M.A., just introduced by Temple Press Ltd., has been thoroughly revised and enlarged. It contains complete information as to the management, upkeep and driving of the Ford van in simple, non-technical language. It goes fully into the commercial possibilities of this widely-used vehicle for goods transport, and gives useful advice on increasing business, and reducing costs to a minimum. It is, furthermore, a thoroughly practical handbook and contains a large number of illustrations, which clearly explain all the features of the Ford chassis. It has been brought fully up to date, and deals with the complete electric lighting and starting equipment in an entirely new chapter containing many illustrations. Altogether, it is an indispensable and complete handbook for the Ford van owner and driver. It is published by Temple Press Ltd., 7-15, Rosebery Avenue, London, E.C.1, and can also be supplied by leading booksellers at 3s. net, post free, 3s. 3d.

SALESMAN ROBBED.

FOUR MEN RANSACK FLAT.

Early yesterday morning, a Chinese salesman's flat was entered by four men who forced the stair door. One of them produced a knife and threatened to stab the salesman if he offered resistance. The others ransacked the place, stealing clothing to the value of \$18. The robbers all escaped, fastening the door from the outside as they went. Later in the morning a man was arrested with property in his possession alleged to be part of the booty. He was produced before Magistrate Wood this morning and charged with having been concerned in the robbery. A week's remand was given on the application of the police for further enquiries to be made.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

Kiungchow, (B. & S.) from Bangkok.—B.12.
Kumsang, (J.M. & Co.) from Calcutta, Singapore.—Wharf.
Cadaretta, (Admiral line) from Saigon.—C.44.
Azay le Rideau, (M.M. Cie.) from Marseilles, Haiphong.—A.25.
Tat-uno Maru, (N. Y. K.) from Yokohama, Moji.—Wharf.
Soshu Maru, (O. S. K.) from Takao, Swatow.—B.55.
Koshu Maru, (O. S. K.) from Calcutta, Saigon.—Stonecutters.
Nichiyei Maru, (Y. K. K.) from Keelung.—C.48.

CLEARANCES.

Kaiko Maru, (O.S.K.) for Swatow, Keelung.—Jan. 24.
Lake Farrar, (Admiral Line.) for Saigon.—Jan. 24.
Hoosier State, (P. M. S. S. Co.) for Shanghai, San Francisco.—Jan. 25.
Azay le Rideau, (M. M. Cie.) for Shanghai, Yokohama.—Jan. 25.
Tanno Maru, (Kwong Nguan Seng.) for Bangkok.—Jan. 25.

Malay's Theft.—A Malay named Ahmed Kassim was charged before Magistrate Wood this morning with the theft of a bicycle lamp, a spanner, a screw driver and pair of pliers, the property of Mr. Curtis, in Kowloon on Monday. Inspector Spear said that the defendant was seen by a detective at 5.15 yesterday afternoon in Nathan Road carrying the lamp under his arm. As he could not give a satisfactory account as to how he came by it, he was taken to the police station. Here, he admitted that he had stolen it from a bicycle standing outside the Kowloon Post Office the previous day. He took the police to a hawker's stall in Yaumatei and here the tools were recovered. A previous conviction having been proved the defendant was given three months' hard labour.

WELL HIDDEN.

STOWAWAY TWICE EVADES SEARCHERS.

George Thomas Sharp was charged before Magistrate Wood this morning with having stowed away from Manila by the s.s. "Wenatchee," which arrived in port yesterday. He said that he wanted to return to England. He had missed his ship, the "Moonish Prince," at Manila and had come here on the "Wenatchee" in the hope of catching her.

Inspector Spear said that two searches were made on board for stowaways, once before leaving Manila and once during the voyage. Both were without result. When the ship arrived in port yesterday, the defendant was found on deck. Sentence of six weeks' hard labour was passed.

PASSENGERS.

DEPARTURES.

Per N.Y.K. s.s. "Mishima Maru" to Japan.—Miss Neilson, Mrs. P. P. Polduz, Mr. J. H. Evans, Mr. F. H. Foley, Mr. John Auld, Miss E. C. Fullerton, Miss C. A. Fullerton, Mrs. Plesner, Mr. R. Oswald, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. McDermid, Messrs P. Balzer, R. A. Canyde, P. Dubec, F. Webber, Mr. and Mrs. K. Schelke, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Thorn, Miss C. J. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mycock, Mr. and Mrs. E. Newhouse, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson, Messrs Williams, Guthrie, K. B. Hodges, Mr. Steven, Mrs. Probst, Mrs. Seits, Mrs. Prosser, Messrs J. L. Buckett, E. W. Drury, H. Browning, Mrs. Broguszekowski, Messrs Brownzekowski, Messrs O. E. Horn, R. P. Metzger, F. Boxer, E. J. Newdick, Mrs. S. N. Guha, Mrs. S. Frozuzowski, Mrs. W. V. Weller, Messrs H. R. Grohwald, E. P. Weiss and S. N. Guha.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The O.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Manila on Jan. 23 (9.30 a.m.) leaves there Jan. 25 (6 p.m.) and is due at Hongkong on Jan. 27 (6 a.m.).
The P. & O. s.s. "Lahore" left Bombay for this port on Jan. 10 at 4 p.m. and is due here about Feb. 7.
The P. & O. s.s. "Khiva" left London on Jan. 6 and is expected to arrive at Hongkong on Feb. 13.
The N.Y.K. s.s. "Iyo Maru" (European Line) left London for Hongkong via Suva on Jan. 7 and is expected here on Feb. 10.
The P. & O. s.s. "Devonia" left London on Jan. 20 and is expected to arrive at Hongkong on Feb. 27.
The s.s. "Pa Han" which sailed from Liverpool on Jan. 20 for ports in the Far East is expected in Hongkong in the beginning of March.
The Dowell-Castle Line s.s. "Bilton Castle" sailed from New York on Jan. 6 for ports in the Far East via Panama, and is expected here in the beginning of March.
There were 128 divorces in Scotland in 1921, as compared with 810 in 1920, but the number is still more than double the average. Husband and wife petitioners in 284 cases and wives in 244. Only 14 petitions were refused.

WEATHER REPORT.

January 25d. 11h. 57m.—Present changes since yesterday are small at all reporting stations.

Fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and moderate means on over the China Sea. Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. today, 1922, 0.4 inch. Total since January 1st, 1922, 0.96 inches against an average of 0.94 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on January 26, 1922.

- 1.—Hongkong to Cap. Rock. N.E. winds, fresh, fair.
- 2.—Frisco Coast. N.E. winds, strong.
- 3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lantau. The same as No. 1.
- 4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY, HONGKONG.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

JANUARY 25, 1922—A.M.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature. in shade.	Humidity.	Direction of Wind.	Force.
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 Auctioneers—Coal, Stone and General
 Brokers.

Banks
The Bank of Canton, Ltd.
 Des Voeux Road Central.

The Bank of East Asia, Ltd.
 Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong.

Chinese Merchants Bank, Ltd.
 Alexander Bldg., Chater Road.

Building Contractors
Wong On & Co.
 Building Contractors.
 34, D'Almeida Street. Tel. No. 1507.

Building Materials and Plumbing Supply
Lee Kee Building Contractor,
 10, Des Voeux Road Central.
 21, Wellington Street. Tel. 1493.
 Manager, Lee Kee Cheung.

Cigarette & Tobacco Merchants
The China Industrial Commercial Tobacco Co., Ltd.
 13, Wing Lok Street, H. K.
 55, 1st Floor, Canton.

Coal Merchants
Hing Ip Co., Coal Merchants,
 37, Queen's Road Central, 1st floor.
 Telephone address "Hing Ip".
 P. O. Box 405.

Kwong Hong & Co., Coal Merchants,
 43 Des Voeux Rd. Central. Tel. 275.

Shing Tancy Co., Coal Merchants,
 Shipping and General Agents, 9, Des
 Voeux Road W. Manager, J. D. Watt.
 Tel. 3667. Cable "Shing Tancy".

Cotton Yarn Importers
Gosho Kabushiki Kaisha
 Importers Cotton Yarn and Piece
 Goods, No. 2, Mercantile Bank
 Building. Tel. No. 274 and 268.

Curio Dealers
Kit Fat, Chinese Curios, Jades, and
 Fine Art Objects, Splendid Collec-
 tion of Ancient Chinese Pictures,
 6, Wyndham Street, Hongkong,
 opposite Coronet Theatre.

Dentist
Harry Paag, Dentist,
 1st floor, No. 74, Queen's Road
 Central, Tel. No. 1254.

Dyeing & Dry Cleaning
The Diamond Dyeing & Dry
Cleaning Co. (Incorporated),
 Agents, 32 3/4 Wellington Street
 and No. 28 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

Electrical Suppliers
The Globe Electrical Supply Co.
 Electrical Suppliers and Contractors,
 72, Queen's Rd. Central. Tel. No. 3270.

The Kwong & Co., Electric Store,
 Accessories and Supplies,
 No. 49, Queen's Road, East.

The Po Kwong Electric Co.
 Electrical Works, Expert in
 repairing, modernizing, and
 maintaining, 175, Des
 Voeux Road Central, Phone 1154.

Sang Kee Co., Electric Goods and
 Accessories, 81 Queen's Road Central,
 Tel. 145.

Sun Hing Co., Electric Platers and
 Electrical Contractors also Typewriter
 Repairs, 10 Pottinger St. Tel. 3-89.

The Sun Light Co., Ltd., Electrical
 Suppliers and Contractors, 137, Des
 Voeux Road, Central. Tel. 3257.

Furniture Dealers
Townson Furniture Co., Furniture
 Dealers & Manufacturers, Furniture
 for Offices, Schools, Hotels, etc., 32,
 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

Yan Cheong Loong, High Class
 Furniture Dealers, Undertakers, Re-
 pairs and Repairs of Furniture,
 27, Lyndhurst Terrace, Tel. 3762.
 Chief Manager: Ah So.

Garages
Dagson Company, Repairing of
 Motorcars, Bicycles, Boats—Outfit-
 ting, Electric Lights, and Storage of
 Cars, Causeway Bay, Branch—11
 Caroline Road, Mgr. Tung Loy Fook
 Engr. Tung Ip.

The Eastern Cycle & Motor-Car
Co., 4 Arsenal Street, Wanchai.
 Cars for hire, stored and repaired.
 Tel. 299.

Lok Lok Garage, Cars for hire,
 No. 77, Praya East, Wanchai.
 Shui Kee Coal Merchants,
 Telephone No. 3392.

Star Garage, Motor Cars, Motor
 Cycles Repairing and Overhauling
 Cars on hire and for sale, 49 Des
 Voeux Road, Central. Tel. 3017.

Garter Manufacturers
H. Y. & H. T. & Co.
 Garter Manufacturers and Exporters,
 40, 42 Bonham Street, West, Hong
 Kong, China.

Glass Merchants
A. Ling & Co., Glass Merchants,
 Furniture, Mirrors and Canton Marble
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